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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/620,358	OKUNO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on October 27, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/725,498.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.


Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>6/14/04</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                              | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

  
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## Detailed Action

### Specification

1. The Examiner accepts the amendment to the specification. No new matter is introduced.

### Claim remarks/amendment

2. Applicant's remarks see amendment, filed October 27, 2004, with respect to claims 16-36 have been fully considered. The rejections of claims 16-36 have been withdrawn. The Examiner acknowledges the terminal disclaimer in reference to claims 16, 21 and 30-36 that obviates a double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent 6,629,060. The amendment that removes the rejection of claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C 101 is persuasive.

### Allowance

3. Claims 16-36 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In reference to claims 16, 22, 24, 30, 35 and 36: *Klimasauskas* (U.S. Patent 6,110,214) teaches an analyzer for modeling and optimizing maintenance operations (see *Klimasauskas*, Fig. 3 and abstract). The analyzer includes a storage means for storing collected data (see

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Klimasauskas, Fig. 3, devices 94, 96 and column 5, line 63 to column 6, line 4).

Unlike Klimasauskas the claimed invention provides a control device for controlling a plurality of analyzers, which are connected by a network. The device includes a storage means to store collected log information on the analyzers and has a display means for displaying a screen that displays a predetermined log information selected from the stored log information. Further, the screen controlling means controls the signal from the display where a designation of specific analyzer among the analyzers is realized. The log information noted above is quality control sample data from each analyzer through the network. These values are further tallied and notified to the analyzer through the network.

The remaining claims are dependent upon claims 16, 22, 24 and 30 and contain further limitations.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elias Desta whose telephone number

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is (571)-272-2214. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thu (8:30-7:00).

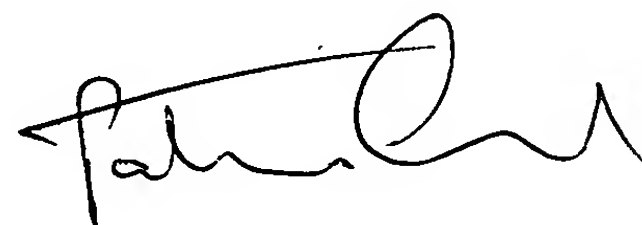
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on (571)-272-2216. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)-872-9306 for regular communications and After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571)-272-1750.

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